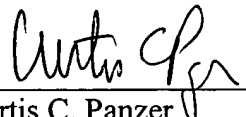


REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. The subject case is a PCT application now entering the National phase under 35 USC 371.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is allowable and a favorable examination is earnestly solicited. Any additional fees required in connection with this Preliminary Amendment may be taken from Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below if such would advance the prosecution of the case.

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